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Cannon Air Force Base

General information

Cannon Air Force Base, a major Air Combat Command installation, lies in the high plains of eastern New Mexico, near the Texas Panhandle. The base is eight miles west of Clovis, New Mexico, and is 4,295 feet above sea level.

The history of the base began in the late 1920s, when a civilian passenger facility, Portair Field, was established on the site. Portair, a terminal for early commercial transcontinental flights, flew passengers in the Ford Trimotor "Tin Goose" by day, and used Pullman trains for night travel. In the 1930s, Portair was renamed Clovis Municipal Airport.

Cannon Air Force Base is named in honor of the late Gen. John K. Cannon, former commander of the Tactical Air Command.

Four premier fighter squadrons make their home at Cannon: the 522nd, 523rd, 524th and the 428th fighter squadrons.

Work force

Currently, more than 4,000 active-duty members and civilians make up the work force at Cannon Air Force Base, approximately 270 officers, 3,201 enlisted airmen and 614 civilian employees. The primary aircraft assigned to Cannon is the F-16.

Community impact

The total monetary impact on Clovis for fiscal year 2003 was estimated at \$211.2 million. Military and civil service civilian payroll totaled \$116.2 million, contracts and purchase orders (expenditures) totaled \$53.7 million and non-civil service civilian annual wages totaled \$41.4 million.

In addition, Cannon members volunteer thousands of hours each year to organizations in the surrounding communities, including mentoring and tutoring local school children, participating in city chamber activities, helping scouting groups, churches and veterans organizations, etc.

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